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AFLCIO picnic this Saturday!

REPORT
To Our Reader - Owners

THE DISPATCHER

Morris Watson, editor of the Dispatcher, official publication of the ILWU, is himself an editorial writer of ability, but not long ago he wrote:

"The editorial writer is a special breed . . . Once they pull him off the courthouse beat or the rewrite desk and esconce him in the quiet inner editorial sanctum, sealed away from the clatter of the teletypes and the shouts of 'copy!' he assumes new and godlike characteristics. Now he becomes the arbiter of public morals, the absolute decider of what is right and what is wrong. As a reporter, maybe he was expected to check facts by consulting reference works. But this is now beneath him, for he has achieved the soft chair that is his badge of competence and it becomes just a little too much trouble to reach up for a book."

Unfortunately there are some editorial writers slovenly and incompetent as the one Watson describes. But still more unfortunately, the real trouble with all too many editorial writers is that they are good craftsmen, conscientious about looking up relevant facts, and able to write good and effective English. They serve well a bad cause — which some folks might even say of Watson!

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THE HAZARDS

The experienced editorial writer—the one who writes these lines has been at it since the beginning of the campaign for the reelection of Woodrow Wilson as President — gets accustomed to being told two things about his editorials: 1. Editorials don't do anything at all, since no one ever reads them; 2. Why in the dickens did you write that last one which did so much harm and misled so many readers into wrong ways of thinking?

Every craft has its vocational hazards, so naturally this one does.

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A REWARD

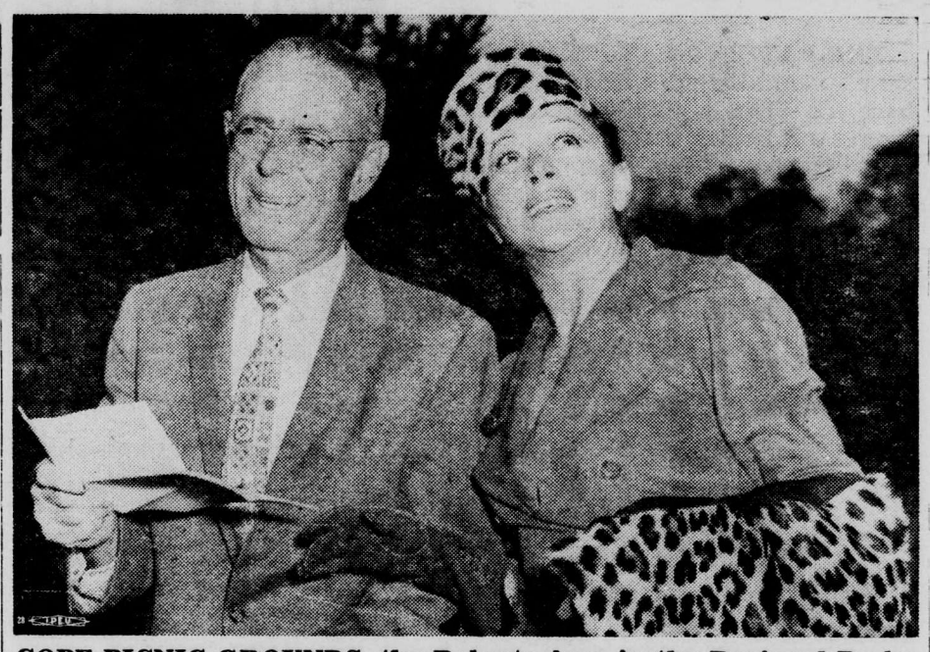
But one of the rewards is that from time to time a good editorial writer, such as Morrie Watson, can take his hair down, and denounce his own craft.

We're sure Morrie enjoyed writing his attack on his craft, just as we enjoyed reading it.

JUDGE FOLGER EMERSON in court this week dismissed a total of 19 counts out of a total of 26 counts involving 34 men in the Pabco dispute.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.



COPE PICNIC GROUNDS, the Roberts Area in the Regional Parks, being examined by Actress Luba Sharnoff and COPE Secretary Robert S. Ash. Miss Sharnoff, the "One Woman Theatre" of stage fame, heads a show to be given at the picnic Saturday, September 12, which includes the best San Francisco has to offer in radio, stage, and TV talent: comedy, songs, and music. Ticket for a family only one dollar. Buy to build labor politically!

BTC resolution on Pabco and Steelworkers policy

Following is the full text of a resolution adopted by the Building Trades Council at its last meeting, a summary of which was published in last week's East Bay Labor Journal:

Resolution protesting actions of the Steelworkers both locally and Nationally in the dispute between the Industrial Unions and the Building Trades Unions for the reason that the Steelworkers actions are dividing the Labor Movement rather than uniting our forces under the banner of the AFLCIO in our continuing struggle for a better way of life for all people:

WHEREAS, the Steelworker is on strike Nationally against a united employer coalition and asking for the support of all Unions, and

WHEREAS, the Steelworker is entitled to the united support of all working people in this struggle with the employer, and

WHEREAS, the merger of the AFL and CIO was to unite all working people for the support of the legitimate aims of the membership of all Unions, and

WHEREAS, an agreement was consummated at Miami, in February 1958, between the Building Trades Unions and the Industrial Unions and approved by the AFLCIO Executive Council acknowledging that construction is the work of members of Building Trades Unions, for the purpose of bringing about greater unity withn the AFLCIO based on historical practice and fairness to one another, and

WHEREAS, the Steelworkers have abrogated the Miami agreement and have prevented members of Building Trades Unions from doing construction work rightfully theirs by resorting to economic, legal and physical force; to wit:

1. Picketing of industrial plants where members of Building Trades Unions were doing construction work.

2. Used the NLRB in support of their claims to construction work under the "no contracting out" clause in their contracts with employers.

3. Assembled their membership in 'stop work" meetings at the job site and forced our members from jobs rightfully theirs by threats and physical force.

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Buy tickets for day of fun! Enjoy yourself & help labor!

More than ten thousand people will attend the annual AFL-CIO picnic to be held at Roberts Park, Oakland, Saturday, September 12. Tickets are now on sale at all unions, from your shop steward, business agent and at the Labor Temple.

An all-out effort has been made to make this fourth annual picnic the biggest in East Bay history—a day you'll long remember. Luba Sharoff — San Francisco's own "One Woman Theatre" heads a show that includes the best San Francisco has to offer in radio, stage and TV talent: an hour-and-a-half of comedy, songs and music.

This will be the biggest dollar-value picnic program ever offered with free refreshments and free tickets for awards and attendance being given each person.

Governor Pat Brown, Judge Stanley Mosk and other prominent Californians have been invited to attend. Top union officers from the national AFLCIO and from the internationals will be in town to attend the San Francisco convention and many of them will be on hand for you to meet.

All members are urged to support this activity and it is vitally important that you ask others to do the same. We must raise funds—through these voluntary contributions—to help support our friends and give aid where and when it is needed in next years all-important national elections.

Killer bills now passed by Congress are a threat to your paycheck. This big-business born legislation is designed to destroy the good unions under the guise of cleaning up the bad ones.

It is necessary for us to help elect those people who are familiar with our problems and friendly to honest labor unions. $1 is your voluntary contribution to safeguard your own income. If we lose out in 1960—and business interests are already spending millions in an organized effort to wreck all labor movements—your pay check for the next ten years may well be offered upon the auction block . . . open to the lowest bidder.

Bring your friends and neighbors—the picnic is open to all. Your family will get to know the men and women who work alongside you better, and this is a good chance for your friends—who may not be union members—to find out that organized labor consists of solid citizens who are interested in promoting group welfare and prosperity

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CLC, BTC TO RESUME MEETINGS, SEPT. 14-15

The Central Labor Council will resume its weekly meeting next Monday night September 14 at 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash announces.

The Building Trades Council will meet on Tuesday, September 15 in the usual meeting Hall at 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, announces J. L. Childers, business representative.

Judge bans picketing at Pabco

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Chris B. Fox banned all picketing at the Pabco plant in Emeryville in an order issued Friday of last week.

In issuing the order he declared he acted to end the violence that has flared at the Pabco plant during the past five weeks.

Jay Darwin, attorney representing the locked-out machinists union stated that he would appeal the ruling. After the decision was handed down, Attorney Darwin remonstrated with Judge Fox.

"In all humility," Darwin said, "I have been a lawyer for 28½ years, 20 of those years in labor matters, and I have never yet seen the heart of a labor organization and its men ripped out as this decision does."

He added: "You have pulled the rug from under Judge (Folger) Emerson." (In an adjoining courtroom, Judge Emerson is holding hearings on whether the maintenance machinists are not in contempt of court for violating a previous court order which limited picketing to two members at each entrance.)

In a separate development Darwin announced he believes the present agreement covering maintenance workers at the Pabco plant is illegal.

The agreement is between the Fluor Maintenance Corporation, to which Pabco contracted the maintenance work, and the Millwrights Maintenance, Mechanics and Machinery Erectors Union. It belongs to the Building Trades group of unions.

Darwin said signatures of union oficials to the Pabco agreement, dated August 1, 1959, includes that of an official dead four months, and of Dave Beck, who hasn't headed the Teamsters Union since January, 1958.

Judge Fox rules against 1304 in second case

Another court order was issued against striking members of Machinists Union Local 1304 when on Friday last, Superior Court Judge Chris B. Fox issued a temporary injunction banning mass picketing against the United Centifugal Pump Co., 580 Second Street.

The complaint against the union asserted that the strike "reached menacing proportions" when 22 strikers assembled in front of the plant.

The order issued by Judge Fox limits picketing to two pickets at each of the company's three entrances and ordered three union officials into court on September 14 to explain why they should not be permanently enjoined from certain alleged acts.

HOW TO BUY

Education bargain in adult-ed

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS.
Consumer Expert for East Bay Labor Journal

Adult education courses offered by the public school systems in most large towns are among the best educational and recreational opportunities available to working families. Adult education has boomed in recent years. Nowadays you can get instruction in a wide range of subjects from piano playing to mathematics.

These valuable courses are partially paid for by your local and state governments, and generally the participants pay only $3 to $12 a term. About five million adults a year now take such courses.

But to a noticeable extent, it's the middle-income, not moderate-income families, who take advantage of this easily-available, inexpensive educational program.

Adult courses are probably available now in your local school system or will be very soon. The adult education or evening division of your local school superintendent's office can give you a catalog showing which courses are being given in your area this term, the cost, and when and where given.

The courses are available to all members of the family, older children as well as the adults. You can use them to improve personal skills or your general educational background. One mother whose children are almost grown decided to take an adult-education course in typing and shorthand to get a part-time job. Her high school daughter took the evening typing course with her to help get a summer job and help with school work.

Besides the public school system, you also often can find evening classes for adults given by your local Y's, nearby college extension and evening divisions, and local junior colleges.

Adult education courses vary in different towns, but generally these types of courses are available:

Hobbies and recreation, including music, dancing, driving, ceramics, gym, nature study, drama, and similar courses.

Personal skills and home-management, including woodworking, sewing, budgeting, household repairs, gardening, typing.

Self - improvement, including reading improvement, marriage and family courses, beauty and figure improvement, planning for creative retirement.

General education, including mathematics, chemistry, physics, new developments in science, current events, literature, English, foregn language studies, psychology, philosophy, and other basic education courses. In fact, some adult-education programs enable you to complete a high school course if you left school early, and get a high school certificate after you complete the necessary courses.

This is just a smattering of the many courses available.

More make $4 and spend $5

More people are failing to pay their bills or are taking longer to do so, according to a Wall Street Journal report. It says "the volume of slow-paying accounts turned over to collection bureaus by department stores and the like has jumped sharply in recent months."

The report explains this by saying: "People are making $4 and spending $5. Consumers are making new purchases before paying off old debts. Delinquents no longer are confined to the lower income groups. More and more debt collections are being made from good residential sections." — **Labor.**

A mother's life

A mother's life is not a happy one. She is torn between the fear that some designing female will carry off her son and that no designing male will do the same for her daughter. — **Labor.**

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

HAVING A BABY, total average cost, sums up to $334. This includes prenatal and physician care, technician fees, and hospital expenses.

For complicated deliveries, the average is $499. A Caesarean costs $588.

These figures are contained in the report sent to Congress recently by Medicare, the agency which provides for dependents of service men.

In the last year Medicare provided hospitalization costs, including physician fees, to dependents of service men who earn up to $4500 a year. They were cared for in civilian hospitals by civilian physicians, on a free choice basis.

THE PATIENT PAYS $25 each time hospitalized, under Medicare, or $1.75 a day, whichever is greater. Under this system, the average cost for a normal obstetrical delivery was $26, and for a Caesarean $28, the patient thus being spared $308 of the cost in the case of a normal delivery, and $560 in the case of the Caesarean.

The actual costs to the Government, however, indicate why civilian working people are prone to be interested in health insurance plans. It costs a lot to be born and to keep alive!

THIS YEAR a new requirement has been made by Congress —that service men's dependents go to service hospitals when possible.

Probably the American Medical Association considers that a dangerous venture into "socialized medicine."

Vandalism runs insurance out

Newspaper readers were handed the news that insurance is being refused on cars in a large segment of Denver because of the high claims burden caused by slashed tires, stolen hub caps, paint smears, etc.

One can imagine the hidden and complex causes of such wanton vandalism — broken homes, the increasing horde of mothers who leave homemaking and children for jobs, resentment against discrimination that robs one of self-respect and hope for a better future, boredom, etc. The resultant costs to insurance firms and car owners are obvious and high.

The situation offers a stark example of how refusing to spend money for social services can be very costly indeed; and that low taxes don't always mean more money in the bank.—**Colorado Labor Advocate.**

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Women stopping alcohol flood

Alcoholics are being produced in the United States at the rate of more than 1,200 a day—more than fifty an hour around the clock — a scientist warned in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, chairman of the department of clinical sciences, University of Illinois, told the fourth annual Institute of Scientific Studies for Prevention of Alcoholism that "alcoholism is now the nation's number three health problem from the standpoint of incidence, lives lost, and people disabled."

He said that it ranks immediately behind heart disease and cancer in its toll in American society.

Dr. Ivy reported, however, that gains are being made in the fight against alcoholism and that there has been a 13 percent decrease in adult drinkers in the last twelve years. He attributed most of the decline to women.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

YOU WANT to know one of the things that keeps our doctors busy and our hospitals full, here in Alameda County — accidents to children!

According to the survey made by the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association, during the first half of this year, over thirteen thousand children have been admitted to East Bay hospitals, most of the cases being in the two-year old age group and most of them boys.

This figure is slightly more than last year, and it seems to be usual that two-year old boys are the victims of the majority of accidents.

As almost everyone knows, almost all boys of this age, as well as boys somewhat older, be they smart or dumb, large or small, good or bad, have Inquiring Minds.

They want to know what is at the top of that tall tree, so they climb it. They want to know what is at the bottom of the gold-fish pond, so they dive in. They want to know "what's cookin' ", so they pull the kettle off the stove.

Many times they do these things without serious consequences. But luck isn't always with them. Therefore the statistics.

Of course, there are twice as many or maybe more accidents than these figures show. Many are treated at the home by a doctor. Many more require no medical attention. And of course, also, accidents happen to girls, to older children and even to adults.

And most accidents occur in the home, a place we think of as exceptionally safe! Well, it is, if it is made so and kept so.

That is why safety engineers, doctors and other interested people talk so much about it. We bring these accidents upon ourselves and our children!

We all know the rules — or should. Keep an eye on the kids —ALL THE TIME! Keep them out of trees, out of pools, away from stoves. And police your home for hidden hazards. Don't have stumbling blocks on the stairs. Don't have slippy rugs. Don't keep poisons or dangerous drugs on handy shelves.

Above all, DON'T think it can't happen to you or your kids. It can!

We even wash visitors' duds!

Four foreign students returned to New York from a 14,000-mile tour of the United States and reported that the country's greatest appeal lay in the hospitality of the average home.

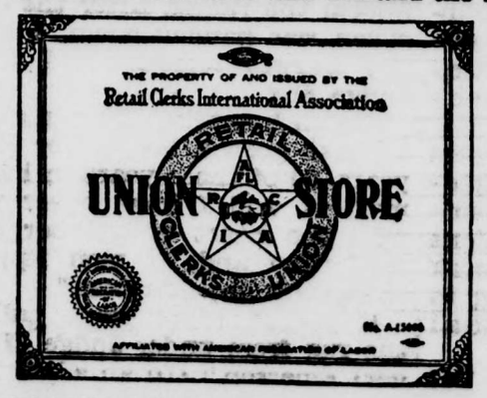
"We visited ordinary people who fed us, washed our clothes and treated us like members of the family," Nural Khan, 23, of Dacca, Pakistan, said. "This warmth and informality is what impressed us most." — **N. Y. Times.**

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

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State Fed firm on 160-acre limit in big water project

Despite the attractive lure of the extensive construction work involved, the California Labor Federation convention delegates firmly announced their refusal to support ratification of Governor Brown's $1.75 billion state water bond issue in its present form.

AFLCIO's support was made contingent upon the convening of a special session of the legislature before the bond issue faces the test of a popular vote in November 1960. Such a session must enact iron-clad protections for taxpayers against unjust enrichment, which by conservative estimate would amount to a minimum of $700 an acre, and basic state policies to govern the expenditure of the peoples' money.

State policies which organized labor considers essential would set standards governing:

(1) distribution of hydroelectric power generated by units of the state system;

(2) allocation of the project costs amongst its beneficiaries;

(3) pricing of irrigation, domestic and industrial waters;

(4) development of recreational facilities at reservoir sites; and

(5) economic and financial feasibility determinations.

The AFLCIO's state body resolved that without protections against speculation, monopoly, and unjust enrichment patterned after federal reclamation law, it will be impossible for the public to vote intelligently on the proposed program. It warned that failure to observe these safeguards could lead to corporate farm interests "gaining complete control of our state government, agricultural pursuits and economic life for generations to come." — **California Labor Federation**

Industrial building

Industrial building permits issued during the first six months of this year rose 17.6% over the year before in the nine Bay Area counties, led by sizeable increases in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Five counties registered increases, according to figures released by the San Francisco Bay Area Council.

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Teamsters strike ends on 25th day

The strike of Teamsters 85 in San Francisco and San Mateo counties ended Monday in its 25th day, with 5000 members of the local returning to work, along with others in Alameda and Santa Clara counties who had been affected by picketing.

The two-year contract provides for a weekly wage boost of $12 retroactive to July 1, $9 more effective July 1, 1960, 4 weeks vacation after 10 years, and a ninth paid holiday. Checkers and helpers get an additional 50 cents a week retroactive to July 1.

THE RUBBER WORKERS have negotiated the first company-wide contract with Armstrong Rubber Co. of New Haven, Conn., providing substantial gains in fringe benefits and working conditions for the 2,700 workers in the firm's four plants. — **AFLCIO News.**

Bill Posters golden jubilee

The twenty-fifth strike-free labor year has just been completed by the 125 members of Bill Posters and Billers Local 44. Highlighting the year was a new contract with Foster and Kleiser calling for new wage and health and welfare benefits.

Completed on July 1, the new pact calls for a $6.40 weekly wage increase, with an additional $6 to be given on the same date next year. Minor increases in the health and welfare program also were a factor in the new contract, which will run for two years.

The last strike or dispute trouble faced by the local took place twenty five years ago this year, in 1924. The local is celebrating its golden anniversary this year, having been chartered in 1909. Sergeant-at-arms Jack Stanley of San Francisco is the lone charter member still active in the local.

Last September, L. H. Gilmour, who is secretary of the local, was elected International President of the Bill Posters and Billers. He has served as International Vice President since 1937, and was elevated to the post of President for a two year term.

President of the local, whose members cover the area from San Luis Obispo to Eureka, is H. D. Scallinger. Oscar Hanson is the vice president and Vic Clark is the treasurer.

Executive board members are H. Dane and F. Bailey. Dane, Bailey, and J. Endress comprise the trustees.

"CHURCH OF THE AIR" program broadcast on CBS September 13, 1959 will be heard through the facilities of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts with George Nay, associate editor of the 9 foreign language Heralds of Christian Science, as speaker. Subject: "The Challenge of Truth."

AFLCIO picnic this Saturday, buy a ticket, help labor

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through community interests and activities.

Roberts Park is one of the newest and most completely equipped picnic areas in California. Its facilities include a wading pool, pony ride, merry-go-round and playground for the children as well as swimming pool, ball-field, dance platform and other picnic equipment for the grownups. Free coffee and soft drinks, children's games and other organized activities have been planned. You may buy lunch at the park or bring a family picnic basket.

Be sure to attend!

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BEHIND YOUR GLASS OF WATER...

It takes a lot of time and effort to bring you a glass of pure water. *Really* pure, that is. But your water system (you know..."East Bay MUD") considers it imperative. Agreed?

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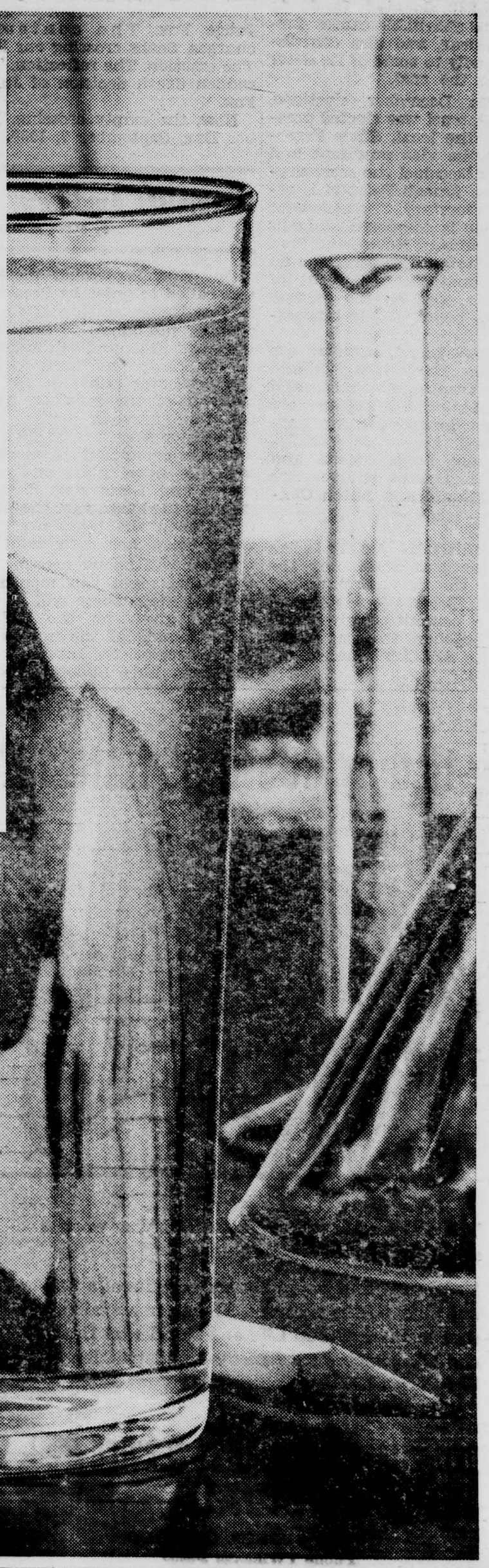
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Year's one strike by Furniture 262 brings good pact

Only one strike marred the labor year for Furniture Workers Local 262, according to Anthony Scardaci, secretary-treasurer of the local. That strike lasted for three and a half weeks at the Umphreds Company in San Leandro, and was settled successfully, resulting in a 13¢ hourly wage increase and an extra paid holiday for members of the local. The final settlement was made last July. Several other contracts are pending settlement, but no strikes are anticipated, according to Scardaci.

This year the 1200 members of Local 262 are honoring two members who have a total of ninety years on the job. Mario Pasquinelli began work at the Simmons company in 1913, and two years later Nello DeBiagio went to work for the same concern.

Local 262 donated funds to numerous charitable causes during the year, and also contributed heavily to some of its sister locals in the east.

In the December elections, Joseph Perruci was elected president of the local. Silvio Ferrogiaro is the vice president and Anthony Scardaci the secretary-treasurer. Amegli Petretti is recording secretary. The grievance committee is composed of Louis Quillici, Edward Nolan, and Fred Stefan. Stefan also serves as an international vice president of the union, and on the general executive board of the international.

Executive board members are Marcellino Hernandez, William Rivera, Vernice Finehard, and Joseph LaVerne. Trustees are Columbus Sprinkles, Silvio Barsanti, and Enaco Gabrilellini. Guards are Louis Picetti and James MacLeanes. Guides are Batista Minafo and Anton Consiglio.

UN-AMERICAN Activities Committee was taken off the hook by the "company union" Teachers Association proposal that the committee give data against teachers to local school boards, an AFLCIO Teachers officer says.

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Labor Day, September 7, 1959.

We wandered down to 64th and Overland in Emeryville. The lockout sign was gone from the manhole cover in the intersection. We picketed Pabco at that sign every hour of the day since we were kicked out on July 31, 1959.

The shack built by our pickets to shelter themselves from the bitter bay winds, is deserted. The old oil drum where we used to keep warm burning scrap lumber thrown out at the crossing by the train crews, had been taken away.

A sad deserted feeling grips us as we look at the empty crossing. We feel betrayed. In our mind we can see the covered trucks hauling scabs across our line.

A lot has happened in the 38 days since we were locked out. Fifty-three machinists terminated. Protesting pickets. Unfair labor charges. The picket line. The injunction signed by Judge Fox. The contempt charges. Scabs crossing our line. The emotion. The reflection. The sudden death decision of Judge Fox.

Now, the empty crossing. Labor Day, September 7, 1959.

Machinists Auxiliary

By OLIVE M. HARVEY

Our first September meeting was called to order by President Myrtus Neyhouse who after the opening preliminaries had Vice President Eleanor Noell escorted to the chair and then turned the gavel over to her for the remainder of the meeting. After the first nervous jitters were over Sister Noell really did very well. She conducted the meeting with her usual poise and confidnce and I am sure it wont take her too long to get the hang of it when she takes over the chair when her turn comes.

There will be no meeting on the social night this month as on that night there will be reception given by the Golden Gate Council of the auxiliaries in this region for International President Elda Lubbert who is visiting the West Coast Auxiliaries this month. Everyone is invited to attend. It wll be held in the Machinist's Hall in Richmond.

Our sympathies to Sister Adams, an old time member, whose husband, Brother George passed away recently. Brother George Adams will be remembered by many older members as our first Santa Claus at our first Christmas Party for the children.

Sewing club members motored down to Tracy to the Duell Boy's Home which is one of our projects, and reported a very interesting and instructive day. Next sewing meeting will be at Sister Imelda Merritt's home 2116 California Street, Berkeley. Also don't forget the rummage sale September 22nd.

Past President Trellis who is just getting over, of all things, measles, will enter Alta Bates Hospital September 14 for surgery. She will be there 10 days so don't forgt that a card helps pass the time away.

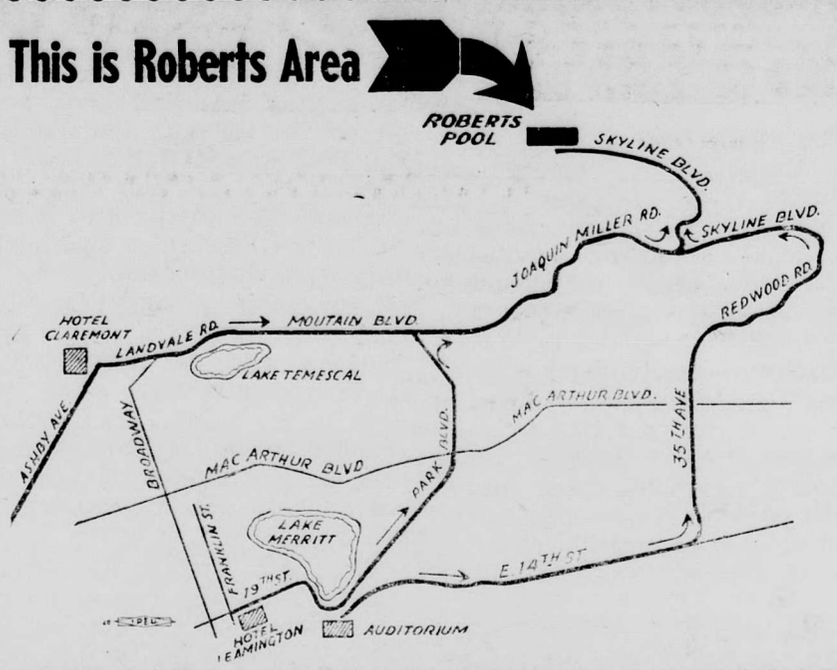
Sister Lorraine and Brother Tomsic are the proud parents of new baby girl. Mother and daughter reported doing nicely.

We hope by now that Sister Virginia Draxton's two daughters who are reported ill with scarlet fever, are on the road to recovery.

Brother Johnny and Sister Ruth Down's oldest daughter Ann Martha, will be married September 27th, to David Del Rio. Congratulations folks, you are not losing a daughter but gaining a son which you don't have, and may the young couple have a long and happy life together.

Union Cards and Union Labels are important so don't overlook them.

This is Roberts Area



FOLLOW THE CROWD or follow the above map, and you'll get to the big annual AFLCIO family picnic this Saturday, September 12 at Roberts Area, Regional Park. The grounds will be open early in the morning, but it is assumed that most people will figure on getting there around 10:00 a.m. If you have been selling tickets, be sure to bring your stubs with you to turn in at the headquarters by the pool arrowed on this map.

Clerks in Oregon seek $1.25 floor

SEASIDE, Ore. — The Oregon State Council of Retail Clerks will ask the full support of the labor movement to establish by law a minimum wage of $1.25 an hour and a 40-hour week in Oregon.

Unanimous approval of this decision was voted at the Clerks' state convention here Saturday and Sunday.

The delegates authorized their executive board to put the $1.25 minimum wage and 40-hour week on the Oregon ballot by initiative petition.

"I think we will have to take this issue directly to the voters," said Gordon Swope, secretary of the state council. "Both the Oregon legislature and the State Wage & Hour Commission have failed to establish an adequate minimum wage of $1.25, and the Eisenhower administration is opposing the $1.25 minimum wage bill in Congress."—**Oregon Labor Press**

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Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

I have just been notified by General President Spodick of the International Union that I have been selected, along with General President Spodick and International Vice President Serota, to serve as a delegate at the coming AFLCIO convention, being held in San Francisco this month. I deeply appreciate the opportunity of representing our International Union at this convention. We expect President Spodick and Vice President Serota in San Francisco approximately the 16th of September, and I am sure that the officers of the Local will enjoy meeting with President Spodick during his stay here.

I have further word from Brother West on the Electric Watch class. Both registration and classes will begin on Monday, September 14, at 7 p.m. This is an evening class and you can register while attending the first session. Classes will be held at the John A. O'Connell School, 2905 - 21st Street, San Francisco.

During the past 60 or 90 days I have had numerous requests from large employers with regard to the clause in our agreement that prohibits price advertising and the use of the word "free" in connection with watch repairs. They desire that this clause be modified in the coming agreement. The members attending the August 27th meeting unanimously rejected the idea of changing any part of this clause in the new contract. This is an important issue and is another reason why the September 24th meeting will be a MUST ATTEND meeting, so that we may get a clear and decisive answer from the membership on this issue.

Executive Board Meeting: The next Executive Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17, 7 p.m., in the Union office, 693 Mission Street, San Francisco.

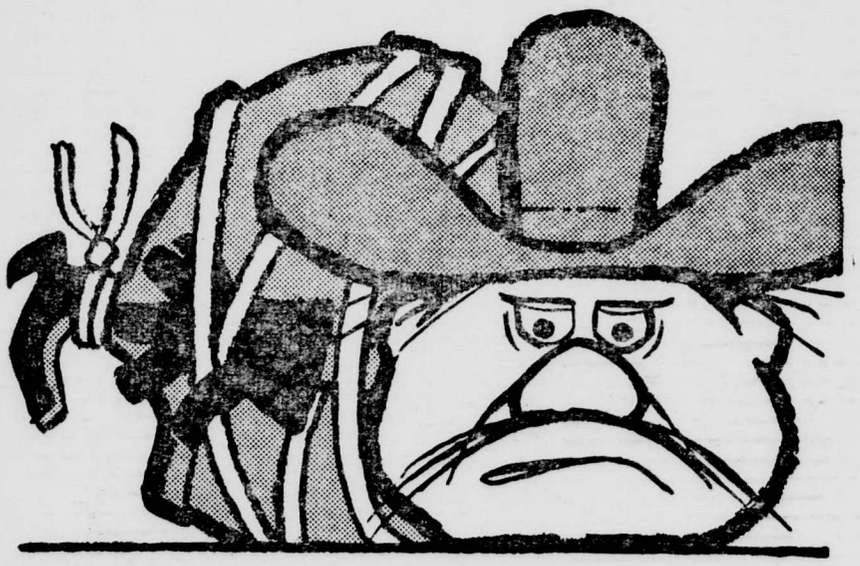
TV-Radio Artists facing very serious problems

ST. LOUIS—Television and radio artists are up against their most serious problems in history in spite of the "very healthy financial condition" of the broadcast industry, the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists convention here warned.

This was the word from Executive Sec. Donald F. Conaway in his report to AFTRA's twenty-second annual convention at St. Louis' Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel. The union's first convention was held here in 1938.

Highlighting the proceedings in an off-contract year was the election of Virginia Payne—radio's "Ma Perkins"—as national president. She succeeds Clayton (Bud) Collyer, network television personality.—**AFLCIO News**

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

AUTOMOBILE SALESMEN 1095

Please be advised that the next regular meeting of Automobile Salesmen 1095, will be held October 1, 1959 at 8:00 p.m.

Location: Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland. All members should attend this meeting.

Fraternally,
ALBERT R. SILVA,
Secretary

PAINT MAKERS 1101

This is an official notice of a special meeting, called by the membership at the regular meeting, August 18, 1959, to be held:

TIME: 8:00 p.m.
DATE: Tuesday, September 15, 1959.
PLACE: Hall "M" (3rd Floor), Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.
PURPOSE: It is time to open our agreement with our Employers, therefore this meeting is to consider various contract proposals, amendments and wage changes that you may desire to be presented.

It is vitally important to the welfare of all members to be present at this meeting.

Fraternally yours,
EDWARD MORGAN,
Recording Secretary

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The regular September meeting has been postponed to September 12, 1959, due to the Labor Day holiday, and will be held at 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, at 2:00 p.m.

Jim McCormick, international regional director, has been invited to attend and explain the coordination of the California State Employees' Retirement System with Social Security.

The executive board will meet at the home of Vice-President George Machado, 2301 - 99th Avenue, Oakland, at 9:30 a.m., same date.

Fraternally,
JOE FALLS,
Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Special Called meeting, Sunday, September 13, at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda: Action on the Finances of the union.

Fraternally yours,
DAVE ARCA,
Recording Secretary

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

Beginning August 3, 1959, the office hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., as the busiest part of the day is the early morning hours when more help is needed in dispatching members to the jobs as well as the numerous phone calls which must be answered.

Yours fraternally,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Financial secretary-treasurer & business manager

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Again, we have another hot subject to act upon at our next regular meeting Friday night September 18. The settlement of the subject concerns every one of us, and should be the reason for a good turn out of our members.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

UC EMPLOYEES 371

The nert regular meeting of UC Employees Local 371 will be held on September 12, 1959 instead of September 5, 1959, due to Labor Day September 7, 1959.

Your delegates to Calif. Federation will make their report at this meeting. Also your negotiation committee will report on progress they have made. Brother Scannell of the International will discuss the new Social Security set up with the state.

If you would like to know what is doing on all three of these matters, attend September 12 meeting at Eagles Hall 2238 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley at 2:00 p.m.

The Ex Board will meet at same place at 1:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
C. F. MARTIN,
Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward.

The stewards meeting of Thursday, September 8 has been changed to Thursday, September 22, at 7:30 p.m. also because of Labor Day.

After the Friday, September 25 meeting the social committee will serve refreshments.

This is to inform the members that the referendum vote on increase in dues carried. The financial secretary requests that the members who pay their dues by mail should add fifty cents to the present dues commencing October 1, making a total of five dollars per month. This includes the fifty cent assessment now paid into special funds.

Tickets are now available at the office of Local 1622 for the AFL-CIO picnic, to be held Saturday, September 12, 1959, at the Tommy Roberts Area of Regional Parks. A dollar ticket admits the family to picnic and enjoy amusements and awards. The national AFLCIO convention will be held the same week in San Francisco. National labor representatives will be there to inform us on problems now confronting labor. Buy a ticket and take the family along to the picnic, relax and have fun.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

You are hereby advised that the next meeting of the membership will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 1959, 8:00 p.m., at the Labor Temple. Due to not having a membership meeting during the months of July and August, several things of interest to the membership will be reported at this meeting. We therefore hope you will make a point to attend.

We want to report that due to the death of General President Robert Byron, former General Secretary Edward Carlough is now general president and David Turner, a former business representative of Local No. 312, Salt Lake City, is now secretary. It is imperative that members pay dues in advance as defined in the international constitution and any member who becomes delinquent by not paying dues for three consecutive months will be listed as suspended and reinstatement fee will be $50.00, payable in prescribed time defined in the constitution, and if not paid, by default he shall be required to pay a new full initiation fee.

We should like to point out to our members that this office cannot be responsible or any member going suspended as the constitution clearly states that it is the obligation of members to maintain their good standing.

Death Assessment No. 437 is now due and payable for members affiliated with the Death Fund of the Tri-State Council of California, Arizona and Nevada. Brother Fred Fargo Knowles, No. 13715, a member of Local No. 309, San Jose passed away on July 22, 1959.

Fraternally yours,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m., at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, California.

The AFLCIO family picnic will be held in Roberts Park, Saturday, September 12, 1959, and tickets are available at the union hall for one dollar per family. Your support of this affair is urgently requested.

Starting in October the new rates for the payment of dues will be as follows: journeymen $4.50; apprentices $4.25; honorary $3.50. All brothers who have paid in advance should send in an adjustment check.

The stewards will meet Thursday at 8 p.m., September 17, 1959.

The educational committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m., September 23, 1959.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

MILLMEN 550

NOTICE! DUES INCREASE

The recommendations of the Rank and File committee on the need for dues increase have carried in the recent district wide referendum.

Therefore for the month of October 1959 and thereafter the present $4.00 dues will be $4.50 per month and $3.75 dues (apprentice) will be $4.25 per month.

Fraternally yours,
M. D. CICINATO,
Recording Secretary

G. E. WHITE,
President

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

United Steelworkers Local 1798 will meet Friday, September 25, 1959 at 8:00 p.m., Hall D, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
DOROTHY McDAID
Recording Secretary

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be held September 15 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez street, at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at union headquarters at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 15, 1959.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

Ten thousandth pension man under pact of UAW

DETROIT — A 68-year-old assembler at a Chrysler engine plant, David Haddad, became the 10,000th pensioner under the program negotiated by the Auto Workers nine years ago.

Haddad came to work for Chrysler Corp.'s predecessor, the Maxwell Motor Car Co., in 1914. He will receive a $108 monthly pension to supplement his social security benefits. The Chrysler-UAW plan currently pays more than $450,000 a month to retired workers.—**AFLCIO News**

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Watchmakers near new contract, win dispute over ads

Contract negotiations will be underway soon for Watchmakers Local 101 whose three year contract expires October 15 of this year, according to George F. Allen, financial secretary-business manager of the local. According to the terms of the existing contract, members of the local were given an increased vacation benefit, calling for three weeks after twelve years. This affected watchmakers in the Bay Area, and San Mateo. Santa Clara-San Jose members also received a five cent hourly wage increase in April.

As a result of the current contract, the minimum wage for local members in the Bay Area is fixed at $2.80.

Local 101 emerged victorious in its only dispute of the year. The Mutual Watch Institute attempted to locate cheap watch repair outlets in outlying areas. Pressure applied by the local eventually forced the non-union concern out of business.

Besides his aforementioned post, Allen was elected in May as international vice president of the Jewelry Workers at the Washington convention. Other officers of the local include James Glasser, president; Nolan Holdridge, vice president; William Thompson, recording secretary; and Bert Haskins, sergeant-at-arms.

Executive board members are John Bicknell, Victor Venturi, Warren K. Billings, Carl Tissenbaum, Edmond Plonczak, and Robart Vergara.

Chosen trustees in the January elections were Frank De Filippo, Charles Hansen, and Dale Fletcher.

The 300-member local was chartered in 1937.

THE ECONOMY must expand at least 4 or 5 percent a year to maintain full employment, attain a balanced budget, meet housing, education and other needs and turn back the Communist economic challenge, according to Rep. Chester Bowles (D., Conn.) and Rep. James G. Fulton (R., Pa.).

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Blacksmiths honor Robt. Graham, 48 years good member

Blacksmiths Local 1168 received a new contract in June to highlight their 1958-1959 labor year. Signed June 1 and effective from that date, the new contract provides a 4½¢ hourly wage increase for all classifications.

The two-year pact also calls for an additional paid holiday, which will be one half day before Christmas and one half day before New Years. Vacation benefits were changed slightly, providing a three week vacation after twelve years instead of fifteen. Two cents an hour was added to the welfare fund, to complete the conditions of the new contract.

The contract will run until May 31, 1961 with an opening on that date in 1960, according to John Anderson, financial secretary-business agent of the local.

There were no troubles or strikes in the labor year of Local 1168, their last strike occurring in 1957.

This year the local is honoring one of its members, Robert Graham, who is retiring after forty-eight years in the trade. Graham, who worked at Bethlehem Steel, received a 48-year pin from the international, and has been a member of the local for all those years.

Elected as president of the 600-man local was Raymond J. Radevich. The vice president is George Dennis, while John Anderson is financial secretary-business agent. Robert Philip serves as recording secretary and Vernon Mackim is the sergeant-at-arms.

Members of the board of trustees are M. O. Coons, Charles Amendola and Fred Ommert.

HIGHER MINIMUM wages for workers in American Samoa have gone into effect the Labor Department has announced. Hourly minimums in shipping and transportation go from 50 to 75 cents, fish canning rates are raised from 52 to 75 cents and rates in other covered industries, formerly 38 cents, go up to 55 cents.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Auto Workers 333 Boys team champs

A six-cent wage increase from the escalator clause was the only change in benefits for the 756 members of Auto Workers Local 333 in southern Alameda County this year, according to recording secretary Vernon A. Dias.

A relatively new local, 333 was chartered in 1954. The local is proud of the Little League baseball team it sponsors. UAW 333's team in the San Lorenzo league finished in first place in its first year of UAW sponsorship.

Members of the local also concontributed generously to the San Leandro Memorial Hospital and to St. Rose Hospital in Hayward in addition to the usual charitable contributions.

Serving as president of the local is Joseph J. Petrucelli. Ray Phelan is the vice president, Floyd Bueno the financial secretary, and Dias the recording secretary.

The executive board is comprised of the officers plus the following names: Don Souza, Rocco Beningo, Charles Vaughn, Frank Griege, Joe Mitchell, John Flores, Vincent Bernal, John Harris, Edwin Meyers, Anton Nobrega, George Stolaroff, Reed Bailey, and Ed Mikula.

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Minimum standard set by Leather Goods Workers for all future pacts

MONTREAL, QUE. — A program for the establishment of minimum contract standards with respect to wages, hours, working conditions and health, welfare and pension plans was adopted by the general executive board of the Leather Goods, Plastics & Novelty Workers at its first meeting in Canada.

The board voted to recommend to the convention next June that the program be made mandatory for all locals and that they be forbidden to sign contracts which do not meet the prescribed standards.—**AFL-CIO News.**

AFLCIO convention to act on heavy attack on trade unions

Organized labor will shape and enact a program to repel the heaviest attack against trade unionism in more than a generation when about 900 delegates convene in San Francisco September 17 for the AFLCIO's third constitutional convention.

The delegates will consider wide-ranging resolutions and proposals to mobilize against the current attack and press for the achievement of labor's social and economic goals.

The concentration on program and policies will be the predominant theme of the convention, but the delegates will hear also four major speakers from outside the labor movement.

The speakers include Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell; Adm. Arleigh Burke, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Martin B. McKneally, commander of the American Legion; Dr. Benjamin Mays, president of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.

Prior to the AFLCIO convention, which is expected to run through September 25, four federation departments will hold their conventions in San Francisco. The International Labor Press Association will hold its annual meeting in the city at the same time.

Here is the line-up of the conventions preceding the AFLCIO meeting:

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES DEPARTMENT

More than 200 delegates representing 3 million union members organized into 18 international unions and 600 local and state councils are expected to attend sessions at the Palace Hotel September 9-11.

AFLCIO President George Meany is scheduled to speak the morning of September 10. The convention is expected to devote major attention to methods of combatting the rising tide of anti-labor legislation.

METAL TRADES DEPARTMENT

The urgent need for a safety program in the nation's atomic energy installations will be discussed by delegates from 20 international unions attending the Metal Trades Department convention which opens September 14 at the St. Francis Hotel.

Also on the agenda reports Department President James A. Brownlow, will be discussions centering on the nation's shipbuilding program, the need for further development of the U. S. merchant marine, sharply fluctuating employment in navy yards, and some of the differences between craft and industrial unions.

The convention is scheduled to elect a president, secretary-treasurer and eight vice presidents to lead the department for the next two years.

MARITIME TRADES DEPT.

The Maritime Trades convention at the St. Francis Hotel on September 15-16 will consider the advisability of appealing to both major political parties for the adoption of platform planks next year pledging action to strengthen the American merchant marine and to halt its dissipation through runaway flag shipping.

Department President Paul Hall stressed the urgent need of legislation to discourage the practice of registering ships under foreign flags to avoid taxes and paying union wages.

UNION LABEL

The golden anniversary convention of the Union Label & Service Trades Department will be held September 15-16 in the St. Francis Hotel.

The 200 delegates, representing 76 national and international unions, will formulate plans for the department's 1960 Union-Industries Show to be held in Washington, May 6-11, 1960. Also on the agenda will be the election of a president, secretary-treasurer and seven vice presidents for the coming two years.

The department's president, John J. Mara, president of the Boot & Shoe Workers, will preside. The department was formed in 1909 under the guidance of the late Samuel Gompers, first president of the AFL, to promote and publicize labor's emblems—the union label, the shop card and the service button.

ILPA

Some 300 editors of trade union publications affiliated with the AFLCIO will meet September 14-16 at the Sir Francis Drake.

"The ILPA convention will concentrate on increasing the effectiveness and enlarging the readership of union publications," ILPA President Peter Terzick declared in announcing the program.

A featured speaker will be Representative John E. Moss (D., Calif.), who will speak on suppression of information. He will address the banquet on September 14, at which recognition is given to outstanding labor publications. — **AFLCIO News.**

Detroit culinary pension plan now

DETROIT—The first employer-paid pension plan in a Detroit area restaurant has been negotiated for employes of the Dearborn Inn by Local 1064, United Catering, Restaurant, Bar & Hotel Workers.

The pact provides for pensions at age 65 to all employes with 10 or more years of service on the basis of $1.50 per month for each year of employment up to a maximum of 30 years, and for disability retirement after age 50 with 15 years of employment. The plan will be administered by a committee of two representatives of management and two of the union, which is a unit of the Retail, Wholesale & Department Store Employes.

The contract also raised wages 5 cents an hour this year and again in 1960.—**AFLCIO News.**

Dining Car Cooks 456 mother local of all on diners

The mother of all dining car locals, Dining Car Cooks and Waiters Local 456, will be going into contract negotiations soon for their contract expiring in November, according to Secretary-Treasurer T. W. Anderson.

Local 456 was the first such local in the AFL, and was chartered in 1925. Several of its members hold the distinction of being the first of their trade ever. Arthur Bryson, who began work in 1926, was the first lounge car attendant, and Joe B. Jones, who started in 1925, was the first in an all day lunch car.

Two other members of the local with a total of more than eighty years of service are the first of their particular trade in the local. James Maynard, who went to work in 1919, is a chef-cook and Olen P. Brook, who started in 1917, is a waiter. Charles Johnson is another of the few remaining charter members of Local 456.

Members of the local have actively supported many charitable and civic institutions, including the Fannie Wall Home for Orphans, the Sunset District Council, and the NAACP. T. W. Anderson, a member of the Local, serves on the board of directors of the Fannie Wall Home and on the executive board of the Central Labor Council.

In elections held last October, Eugene V. Blandon was elected president of the 425-man Local. Bertram P. Hicks is vice president. T. W. Anderson serves as secretary - treasurer and vice general chairman. Other officers include James A. Pendergrass, recording secretary; Prince Lawson, inspector; Acie Johnson, inter-guard; Fred Montgomery, chaplain; and William E. Pollard, general chairman.

Trustees are Charles Wood, Arthur Bryson and Tommy Matthew.

Children & Youth Conference is set

The Oakland Town Meeting in preparation for the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth will be held at Oakland City College, 5714 Grove Street, Saturday, September 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The registration fee is $1 for adults and for youth 25 cents.

It is sponsored by the Council of Community Services — Oakland Area.

The conference theme will be "Lasting Values in a Changing World."

Copies of a very interesting list of questions proposed to youth and to adults can be gotten by telephoning HIghgate 4-1508.

"RUNAWAY" motion picture producers who go abroad to save money on wages of technicians and avoid taxes were sharply condemned in a resolution adopted by the Los Angeles County AFLCIO.—**AFLCIO News.**

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Jewelry Workers achieve a better seniority clause

Jewelry Workers Local 36 received a new and beneficial one year contract on February 1 to highlight their labor year. The new contract provides a seventeen cent across the board increase for all members, a five day sick leave with pay, and a new seniority clause which gives the union 'more to say' according to financial secretary-business agent Fred A. Peterson.

The new contract will expire on January 31, 1960.

For the first time in the forty year history of the local, a woman was elected to one of the offices. Mrs. Josephine Larson was elected to the executive board and to fill an unexpired term as vice president.

The 230-member local was first chartered in 1919 and later rechartered in 1933. Peterson and a few others remain as original charter members, while better than one fourth, or 75 members now active, are charter members from the second charter.

In the July elections, John Calamoneri was chosen president of the local. John Cinelli was elected vice president, Henry Ball, recording secretary; Fred A. Peterson, business agent-financial secretary; and John Johnston, sergeant-at-arms.

The executive board members are William Kalati, Gonzalo Moreno, Lester Raive, Adolph Yankovits, Tom Googoo, Lewis LeBrun, Mrs. Josephine Larson, Kenneth Gall, and John Chapleck.

Trustees are Richard Parino, Lewis LeBrun, and Randall Anderson.

Former business agent of the local, and now trustee, Richard Parino is now serving on the State Apprenticeship Board. He formerly served nine years as international vice president of the union.

Help ads counted in 114 newspapers

Help wanted advertising in newspapers, which usually has an "off" month in July, registered a nine-year high, according to a study made by B. K. Davis & Bro. Advertising Service in Philadelphia.

The organization, which keeps track of such totals in 114 newspapers, reported that 828,364 ads were placed in July. This compared with 524,801 in the month last year.

The total for the year is far above the 1958 level, 5,451,174 having been placed, compared with 3,788,179 a year ago. — N. Y. Times.

Patronize Our Advertisers!

Building Trades resolution on Pabco and Steelworkers policy

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4. Used their employers against the Building Trades Union members by threatening production shut-downs unless our members were taken off construction work and the work given to them, and

WHEREAS, this activity by the Steelworkers is dividing the Labor Movement rather than uniting it to the detriment of all working people, and

WHEREAS, the dispute at the Pabco Plant, Emeryville, Alameda County, California is the direct result of the Steelworkers activities outlined above, and

WHEREAS, the dispute at the Pabco plant is dividing the Labor Movement in Alameda County as well as throughout the Nation as a direct result of the Steelworkers National policy vs. the Building Trades Unions, and

WHEREAS, this division nationally and now locally will spread unless the Steelworkers will negotiate and honor agreements within the AFLCIO, and

WHEREAS, this division of the Labor Movement both nationally and at the local level will work to the detriment of the Steelworkers as well as the members of all other unions, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that this Alameda County Building Trades Council composed of 43 Local Unions and 18 International Unions representing 20,000 Building Trades Union members in Alameda County protest the actions of the Steelworkers outlined above and sincerely request that the Steelworkers join with the AFLCIO Executive Council in a sincere effort to settle this dispute between the Industrial Unions and the Building Trades Unions so that all working people may be united in our struggle for better wages, hours and working conditions and toward a better way of life for all people.

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BTC thanks presidents of internationals for helping on jurisdiction

The Building Trades Council at the same meeting which adopted the resolution on Pabco and the Steelworkers confirmed the recommendation of the Board of Business Agents that a letter of thanks be sent through the AFLCIO Building & Construction Trades Department to the presidents of the international unions for making it possible for the local crafts to protect their jurisdiction.

This referred to the action of the presidents of 19 internationals in sending instructions to supply the Fluor Maintenance Company with workers at the Pabco plant.

MORE COMPENSATION

BTC Secretary John Davy read a communication from the State Compensation Insurance Fund giving full data on the increased workmen's compensation benefits authorized by the last session of the Legislature.

JESS COMPANY

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers reported that action was taken to get the Jess Construction Company to live up to its BTC contract.

LATHERS' PRAISE AREA

Bill Ward of the Lathers said that members of that craft coming up from the South found much to praise in the working conditions they found here.

SUNSHINE BISCUIT

Childers said building trades workers were observing the picket line of Machinists 284 at the Sunshine Biscuit Company.

COLLEGE FOR HAYWARD

Leon McCool, Carpenters 1622, said that craftsmen in the southern end of the county would naturally wish to get in touch with Hayward City Council members and ask them to reconsider the zoning decision which was holding up the locating of the proposed new college.

DELEGATES SEATED

George E. White was seated as a delegate from Millmen 550, and Bruce Anderson from the Piledrivers.

HOWARD COMPANY

The Santa Clara County BTC notified the council here that the Howard Company, 856 - 34th Avenue, Oakland, had been placed on their We Don't Patronize list.

EDWARD W. HATCHETT, president of the Canal Zone Central Labor Union and Metal Trades Council, was decorated by the Panama Government with the Order of Fasco Nunez de Balboa at exercises in the Foreign Office in Panama City.

Marty won't run again for Council

Albert A. Marty, incumbent Sacramento City Councilman has announced that he would definitely not be a candidate for reelection at the coming election on November 3.

Marty, long time secretary-treasurer of Teamsters and Chauffeurs Local 150 told the Union Labor Bulletin that "the extreme demands made upon my time by my own organization, coupled with the press of city business this past year have led me to the only true and honest conclusion I could make under the circumstances. I will not seek reelection. I have found it a constant pleasure to serve as a councilman in my native city, and I sincerely thank all my friends and supporters for their help and assistance in the past. I count it a distinct honor and a privilege to have served for the past five years, and were I to listen to my heart only, my hat would be back in the ring. But business pressures dictate that I must not seek reelection." — **Sacramento Union Labor Bulletin.**

Print Specialties in South County

Printing Specialties and Paper Products Union Local 678 was chartered just a year ago, and takes in the San Leandro-Hayward area.

It meets at Carpenters Hall on Mattox Road, and has meant more participation by members living in area. They can attend union meetings close to home.

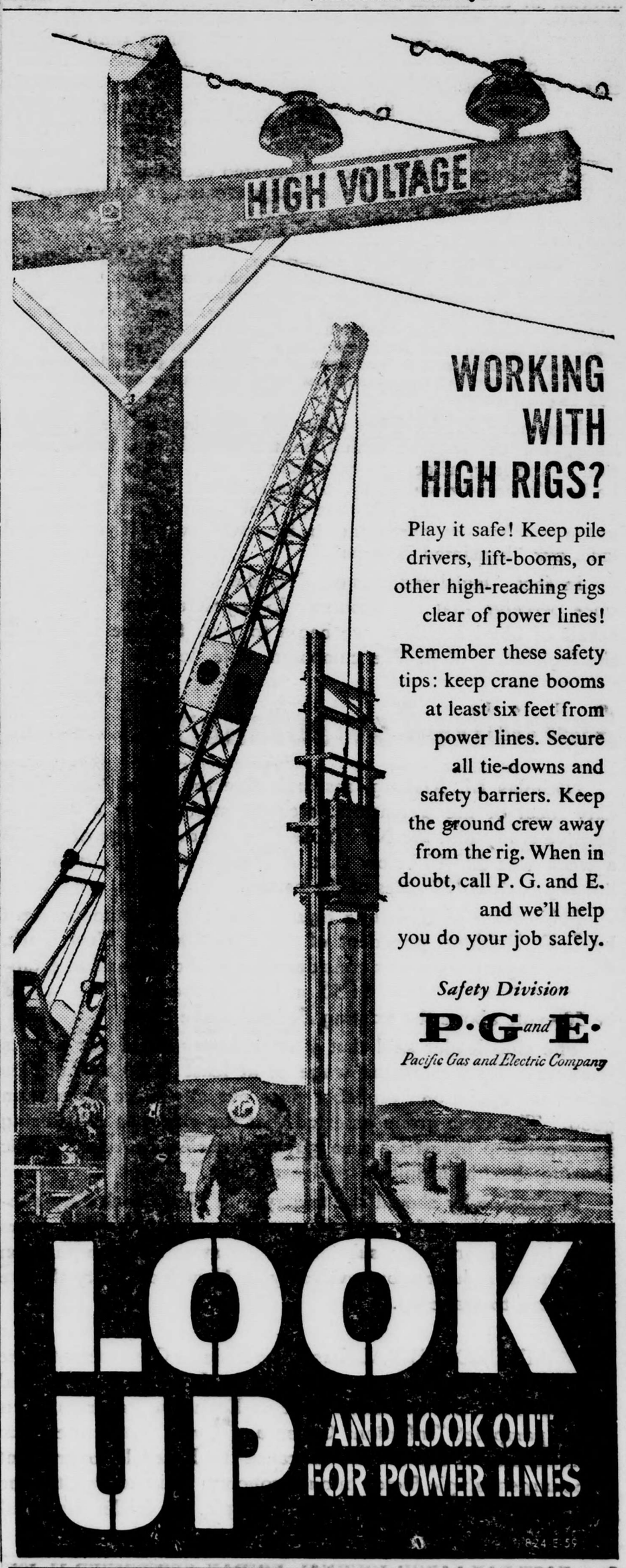
Meeting attendance shows a great increase.

Membership is on increase. Expected there will be 15 percent jump within the next six months, because of new plants and expansion of present plants.

Greater meeting attendance has meant greater participation in community and social service programs, that is United Crusade, San Leandro Memorial Hospital campaign.

Officers are: Secretary, Fred Sullivan; President, Al Chastnar; Vice President, Frank Hardesty; Trustee, Fred Voetsch.

Executive board members: Leonard Avery, Joe Cabral, R. Gallegos, Maurice Demeurichy, and Nick Montoya.



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R. L. BURGESS, Editor

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Lobbying and bargaining tables: good furniture!

"A New Philosophy for Labor" is the title of an article by Gus Tyler, director of the Training Institute of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, written for the Fund for the Republic, and distributed in pamphlet form by that organization.

Under the six headings which summarize Tyler's concept of the new labor philosophy he advocates is one which naturally occupies much attention in these days when labor is under such heavy political attack. It is captioned "Politics with a social purpose."

Tyler in this connection first points out that the present interest of the unions in politics was not of the unions' own choosing, and that "the Taft-Hartley Law did more to politicalize the more conservative American trade unions than several decades of socialist-minded propaganda in the American Federation of Labor."

But he insists that this interest should be maintained, and that "to give the worker more than make-believe protection, a modern union must be concerned with influencing the legislation that goes to make up our legislated economy." Following is Tyler's impressive list of the things created or influenced by legislation which determine a worker's real income and real standard of living:

"Cost of living; monopoly price-fixing; publicly controlled utility rates; public policy on rents, housing, building subsidies; tariffs on competing manufactures or on consumer items; the tax law; unemployment insurance and social security payments; the vast complex of legislative and administrative activity that may flow from the Full Employment Act; price support on farm products; award of Government contracts and determinations about prevailing wages in those contracts; regulations and laws concerning discrimination in employment."

Any member of a labor union who reads that really astonishing list of ways in which politics, legislation, administration of the law, affect our economic life will surely wake up, if he hasn't already waked up, to the fact that it has become absolutely essential for labor—and that means each individual union member—to participate in improving what Tyler so well calls our "legislated economy."

In fact, "legislated economy" is the key phrase. For if we once perceive that our economy IS legislated, not merely the result of blind accident, we begin to wish to have a hand in the legislating of it. We campaign, vote, lobby!

Subsidized sweatshops

Nicholas M. Kisburg, research director for a New York City local of the Teamsters, recently stated after a comprehensive study that the New York City average wage of $79.22 a week was $25.45 below that of Detroit, the top city on his list of principal 123 cities of the nation.

Publication of Kisburg's figures brought an announcement by I. D. Robbins, president of the City Club of New York, that his organization was considering a public demand to establish a minimum wage of $1.50 an hour in the city. This would be 50 cents above the existing Federal wage floor.

The club leader said that if an industry could not pay its workers a legal minimum wage of at least $1.50 an hour its continued operation "probably does our city more harm than good." The civic group asserted that the city was subsidizing its sweatshop industries through its agencies for relief, public housing, health, hospitals, and sanitation."

In short, why should the taxpayer in New York City subsidize low wage industries? Of course, we generous taxpayers do it in California by subsidizing the sweatshop corporation agricultural industry, but evidently in New York City they're beginning to wake up.

SOME PEOPLE TALK as if the Federal Government were a vast juggernaut about to roll us all into the mud, crush us, and leave us there. But the Conference on Economic Progress, in its recent pamphlet "Inflation: Cause and Cure" states the plain commonsense of the matter: "Because the Federal Government is the largest single factor in our economy, and because it alone represents the interests of all the people, its leadership is of prime importance."

The Wreckers



GEORGIA CONGRESSMAN HIT FOR LABOR VOTE

The following story, detailing the business pressures applied in Congress to secure passage of the anti-labor Landrum-Griffin bill, was published originally in the Atlanta (Ga.) Journal-Constitution. The author, Harold Davis, is Washington correspondent for the Atlanta newspaper.

By HAROLD DAVIS

Why was Rep. Erwin Mitchell (D), the youngest member of the delegation both in age and service, the only Georgian here to fight the Landrum labor bill?

In the emotional out-pouring that surrounded the passage of the Landrum bill, he stood by what he regarded as principle and stood off forces that would have powdered Stone Mountain.

Listen to this letter from E. T. (Gene) Barwick, a big manufacturer who runs E. T. Barwick Mills in Dalton and LaFayette. It was the fifth communication Mitchell received from Barwick about the Landrum bill, and was in response to a letter explaining Mitchell's position:

"Your letter of August 6 leaves me quite concerned and believing that either you are the most naive legislator the country has ever seen, or that you have succumbed to gangster and hoodlum-controlled labor leader money. Your straddling of issues in this letter does not impress me, nor the people of Georgia.

"I am equally unimpressed by the naive inexperienced fumbling labor-leader sellout artistry of Senator John Kennedy. . . .

"I personally spent time, money and energy getting you elected, hoping that we had a man who would be above the ordinary. I can assure you that I will devote one hundred fold more energy, time and money in getting you out, if you support the kind of legislation you announce in your letter."

Here is a telegram from another manufacturer in the northern end of Mitchell's district:

"Received your two pages of hogwash. . . . We along with many others are very disappointed that you are so confused in your thinking on this matter."

Another manufacturer, more moderate in tone, said: "I am writing at this length because I was an active supporter of yours during the recent election. . . . I am just afraid that you may be getting out of touch with the feeling of the people in this area."

Nine Georgia solons in the House committed themselves to Rep. Phil M. Landrum (D., Ga.). Mitchell withheld himself and backed the committee bill.

Why?

Any visitor to Mitchell's office during the week of August 3-8 could have had the answer from the horse's mouth. Mitchell did little else from early morning until far into the night except sit at his desk, telephone to his ear, and try to explain to callers from Georgia why he was supporting the committee proposal and not the measure written by his fellow Georgian.

Truman's advice

Senator Clair Engle (D. Cal.) told how former President Truman had helped him adjust to his august new position when he was a new Senator. Truman advised:

"Clair, you're going to be nervous at first, but don't let it throw you. When I first went to the Senate I was completely overawed and confused. Then one day a veteran liberal Senator came over, patted me on the back and said, 'Don't worry about it, son. The first six months you're here you'll wonder how you made it. After that you'll wonder how the rest of us made it.' "—**Hat Worker.**

Did you know . . .

That known 1958 circulation of 1-page pieces by NAM divisional and regional offices totaled 3,899,484?

That of these 1-page pieces 2, 040, 877 were on labor; 697,848 on tax reform; and 197,480 on federal spending?

That last year the Association told industry's story to 824 high school and college audiences totaling 187,571 persons?

That NAM conducted 312 other educational programs attended by 142,166 students, educators and industrialists?

That in 1959 NAM speakers addressed 880 other meetings with total attendance of 139,491? —**In Transit**

Mother or Hitler

If the day ever came when Americans stopped worshiping their mothers, I would become fearful of our security. We have learned from bitter experience that we must have symbols, and if the symbol is not mother, it is usually Hitler.

No mass movement, revolution, tyranny or dictatorship was possible until the symbol of the family — the mother — was underminded or destroyed. — **Harry Golden.**

OPINIONS

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LABOR URGED TO RALLY FOR DEFENSE

Editor, Labor Journal:

Once more labor is under attack, and this is going to be one of the biggest battles ever for survival. We are being hit from all sides, Washington, newspapers, radio, etc.

I think it is time we forget our interunion differences, whether they be fundamentals, personalities or otherwise, and concentrate on our enemies of which we have many.

I believe the movement is being given so much attention now not for the betterment of its members, but the bad publicity, or any and all publicity is to focus public attention on the union movement in order to weaken our strength in the coming elections a few months away.

It is time that each and every local make plans to hold special meetings in regards to the situation as it now stands, and make plans for some unified action.

The fight we had on Proposition 18, will be as childs play in comparison to what is ahead for us. Each and every union member should be prepared to defend the movement, in talking to one another or to our friends.

Make no mistake; a way of life is at stake.

Far, far, to many people who are members of Unions are letting themselves believe what they read and hear of the bad in unions, not giving thought, any thought as to the real good and progress that has and is being made through the Unions.

My advice to all union members is to study the Union movement, look into it from all angles, think it over, discuss it with your family and friends, what progress is being made with unions, and what could any of us as individuals do without unions, etc. before coming to any decision.

Beware of the so-called friends of ours who believe that laws and legislation will help us. Our unions are set up so as to take care of any problems that may arise, the machinery is there, but the machinery needs fuel to run and the fuel is the voice, vote, and action of each and every member.

Yours fraternally,
ANGELO BRUZZONE,
Local 302
Milk Wagon Drivers

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THOSE GNATS AND THOSE NITS

Editor, Labor Journal:

I want to congratulate you on the splendid editorial entitled "Gnats & Nits Exasperate Civil Rights Defenders" in your August 28 edition.

It is my hope that labor liberals will continue to show the same shrewdness and courage in meeting Communist efforts at infiltration as you and the officers and members of the Central Labor Council have shown over the years.

Fraternally,
RALPH Q. STEINHAUS,
Teachers Local 771

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THE POWERLESS

One of the choicest myths of our time is the myth that the stockholder is the ultimate democratic power who controls the corporation. We know in fact that as far as the largest corporations are concerned, the stockholder has no power whatever. But the newspapers, the financial pages, have done a marvelous job of keeping going this notion that the ultimate sovereign power in the modern corporation is the stockholder. — **Economist John Kenneth Galbraith.**